

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Lloyd F. Rose, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator John J. Sanguinet, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Martha Nagy, and Steve Desroche of the Codder. Clerk Paul J. Asher-Best and Christopher R. Lucy were absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of August 30, 2005 as presented. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of July 12, 2005 as presented and to hold them in abeyance. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Public Comment: None.

Request for fee waiver: The Housing Authority has requested that the Board exempt them from paying the fee of \$565.00 for the permit to move the donated house to Snows Road. Mr. Gaechter moved to exempt the payment of \$576.00. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Police Appointments: Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Francis Silva as Assistant Emergency Management Director for the period of September 14, 2005 through October 13, 2005. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Kyle Takakjian as Evidence Officer for the period of September 13, 2005 through December 31, 2006. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Negotiations: The Board received notice that the Truro Police Employee's Federation is prepared to enter into contract negotiations for the contract period beginning July 1, 2006. Mr. Gaechter recommended that he be a silent observer at the negotiations, and further recommended that Lt. Lundborn be an alternate to Chief Thomas as a member of the negotiation team. Ms. Nolan was not sure that would negate his vote. She will check with Town Counsel. Mr. Gaechter directed her to write to the Federation letting them know that the Board is also willing to negotiate.

One Day Alcoholic Beverage License: Mr. Palmer moved to approve a one-day license for Truro Vineyards for Truro Treasures Sunday, September 18, 2005 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Appointments/resignation: Mr. Palmer moved to confirm Fred Simonin as the FinCom representative to the Human Service Committee. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Bill Worthington as Truro's representative to the Cape Light Compact. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Mr. Palmer moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Longgood as the State representative to the Housing Authority and to send a letter of appreciation. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Website policy: Ms. Nolan has incorporated all the suggested changes.

Open Space Committee announcement: Ms. Boleyn explained that following several site visits the Open Space Committee has voted unanimously not to provide a path to the top of Poor's Hill at this time. Three possible routes to the top were looked at; advice was obtained from a structural engineer. One route was objected to by the Poor family because it would obstruct their view. The other two are so steep that a walkway of stairs, ramps and platforms would be required, and would mar the view of the property from the Pamet Harbor. There will be a path along the foot of the hill, with several benches. The vote of the OSC leaves the possibility of a path open since part of the purchase negotiations was the agreement by the Poor family to a path to the top. Mr. Gaechter noted that an engineer and the DPW Director both agreed with this rationale, and he supports this decision. Mr. Palmer expressed his surprise that the OSC did not notice how steep a path would be before ATM. He noted that ATM was given pictures of the view from the top of the property. Ms. Boleyn said that you could get to the top, but they were not aware of what an impact a trail would have. Mr. Palmer asked if there is anything to prevent people from just climbing the hill. She said there was not, and people do. Ms. Parkey interjected that originally they were planning to site a trail at the back of the property where it is less steep and not so obtrusive; that is the route that the Poor family objected to. Mr. Gaechter said he was comfortable with the decision of the OSC. Mr. Worthington said he was concerned that when people come to walk around the property how do you discourage families from climbing up it--by placing signs? Mr. Rose said that signs are made to be ignored. Ms. Boleyn said they plan to place some small signs, and some will climb it, but it is steep. The OSC doesn't feel the property will attract much traffic. The public mostly enjoys viewing it from afar. Mr. Gaechter said a trail invites people to walk off the trail also.

Ms. Boleyn said that the Purchase and Sales agreement will be signed soon, and the public access plan must first be submitted to the Planning Board. There will be two parking spaces off Fisher Road; they have been approved by Mr. Morris. Mr. Gaechter said the closing date will be October 31, 2005, and the Truro Conservation Trust will give the 500k to the town by then so the bonding can be done.

MUNIS agreement: Ms. Nolan reported that the transition to MUNIS is going well. She recommended that the BOS approve the agreement with MUNIS. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve the annual support agreement and license agreement for MUNIS software and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Truro Tercentennial planning: Mr. Gaechter told the Board that since this would take place in 2009, the celebration events must be budgeted at the end of 2007 so it is appropriate to begin to

study it now. He has prepared a draft Charge for a Tercentennial Celebration Committee. Mr. Rose said he thought there should be eleven members instead of just nine. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve the amended Charge. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.** Mr. Gaechter directed Ms. DuPree to place an advertisement for members.

Goals/Objectives: Mr. Gaechter has e-mailed each BOS ten pages of the implementation responsibilities that the LCP assigned the BOS with his notes as to how the BOS will accomplish them, the timeline, and who will be the facilitator. He would like the LCPC to get a copy of this so they have it as well.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Distributed information on a bill to abolish cable franchises among other things and a request from Alliance for Community Media asking for municipalities to oppose this bill. Mr. Gaechter asked that the BOS receive input from the Cable Advisory Committee before acting on this, and that Ms. Nolan find out when this bill will be voted on.
- Reported that the Shellfish Advisory grant for the sea clam restoration project has been submitted. Mr. Gaechter asked her to get an update from Mr. Bergman on the regionalization plan for controlling the draggers offshore in the Hatches Harbor area.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports:

Palmer: -Reported that the TBC met. There have been a few changes made to the plans, and for their next meeting a schematic plan should be ready.

- The COA has asked that the Director be given four additional hours per week, which would take Ms. Grenier from a 28 hour week to a 34 hour week. They also would like Outreach and support to get two more hours per week as well. They will be sending this request to the Town Administrator.

Mr. Palmer asked for an update on the bells. Mr. Sanguinet said the contractor has ordered the equipment and it should arrive in the next two weeks for installation. Mr. Palmer asked for an update on the cameras and microphones. Mr. Sanguinet said that Ms. Dunigan cannot do the filming due to her busy schedule. He was supposed to be contacted today by another interested party, but he wasn't. The company that installed the equipment says the going rate for someone to operate the equipment is \$40-80.00, for a three-hour meeting. He contacted the high school, but they have not gotten back to him.

Gaechter: -Reported that the Community Preservation Committee is holding weekly meetings.

- The Energy Committee is focusing on near-term goals; they are auditing the use of power in town buildings.
- The ZBA voted 4-0 to approve Ted Malone's plans for the affordable housing to be located on Sally's Way.
- Both Chiefs, the DPW Director and Ms. Nolan accompanied him on a site visit to the Drinkwater curb cut application site on Depot Road and to the current access on Old County Road. Chief Thomas was asked if the curb cut on Depot would be a safer access point. He said that the current driveway on Old County is a safety problem and the Depot Road site could be safer. The line of site on Old County Road is a problem. The Board discussed the need to revise

their Policy Memorandum on curb cut application to require approval on the safety of a curb cut from Chief Thomas. Currently the policy calls for the DPW Director to do so, and Mr. Gaechter said he is not qualified to do this. The discussion centered on the speed limit on Depot Road and enforcement issues. Mr. Gaechter said he will speak to Chief Thomas about initiating something with the State.

Next week's agenda: Drinkwater application, Town Counsel re: Poor's property, various appointments, Public Hearing on North Union Field road layout, which will be continued for two weeks. Mr. Gaechter directed that abutters be notified of this plan for continuance.

Other business: Ms. Nolan received a request from Truro Treasures for the kayak launching fee to be waived for their event. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve the fee waiver. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Ms. DuPree asked for guidance in preparing an appointment slip for Mr. Sawyer, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Roderick; Mr. Roderick has not resigned his position. Ms. Nolan will e-mail him to ask for his resignation letter.

Ms. Nolan received a survey from the State asking if the town had any public housing that would be available if needed for people displaced by the recent hurricane. She said that we did not, but wanted verification from the BOS. The Board agreed that we do not have any.

Ms. Nolan informed the BOS that the Federal rate for mileage has risen to 48.5 cents. The budget will have to be adjusted for this.

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Lloyd F. Rose

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